IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

MAGTEN ASSET MANAGEMENT CORP. and LAW DEBENTURE TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK,

:

Plaintiffs,

Civil Action No. 04-1494-JJF

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NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION,

v.

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Defendant.

MAGTEN ASSET MANAGEMENT CORP.,

:

Plaintiff,

v. : Civil Action No. 05-499-JJF

:

MIKE J. HANSON and ERNIE J. KINDT,

:

Defendants.

ORDER GRANTING MOTION IN LIMINE OF DEFENDANT NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION TO EXCLUDE SEC EVIDENCE

Upon the Motion filed by Northwestern Corporation ("NorthWestern"), defendant in the above-captioned action (the "Motion"), seeking an order excluding certain documents related to the Securities and Exchange Commission's ("SEC") investigation of NorthWestern and certain of its or its subsidiary's former directors and officers concerning NorthWestern's restated 2002 quarterly financial statements from evidence at trial currently scheduled for March 3, 2008, and after due and sufficient notice of the Motion having been given; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause therefor,

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It is hereby ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED, and Exhibit 338, Order Instituting

Cease-And-Desist Proceedings, Making Findings and Imposing a Cease-And-Desist Order;

Exhibit 339, Consent of Merle Lewis; Exhibit 340, Final Judgment as to Defendant Merle D.

Lewis; Exhibit 348, Consent of Richard R. Hylland; Exhibit 349, Final Judgment as to

Defendant Richard Hylland; Exhibit 350, Consent of Kipp D. Orme; Exhibit 351, Final

Judgment as to Defendant Kipp D. Orme; Exhibit 352, Kipp Orme Complaint; Exhibit 353, Kurt

Whitesel Complaint; Exhibit 354, Richard Hylland Complaint; Exhibit 355, Merle Lewis

Complaint; Exhibit 356, Consent of John Charters; Exhibit 357, Final Judgment as to Defendant

John C. Charters; Exhibit 360, John Charters Complaint, and any testimony of the contents of

these documents are excluded from evidence at the trial currently scheduled before this Court on

March 3, 2008.

SO ORDERED this _____ day of February 2008.

The Honorable Joseph J. Farnan

United States District Court Judge

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